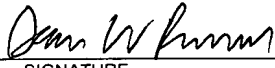


<b>TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A SUBMISSION UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371</b>		ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NUMBER 41577/316310
		U.S. APPLICATION NO. (If known, see 37 CFR 1.51) <b>10/536574</b>
INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/GB2003/005173	INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE 28 November 2003 (28.11.2003)	PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED 28 November 2002 (28.11.2002)
TITLE OF INVENTION APPARATUS FOR PROCESSING A FLUID SAMPLE		
APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US LEE, Martin Alan; SQUIRRELL, David James; BEST, Michael Edward; CROFT, Brian Thomas		
Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:		
1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is a <b>FIRST</b> submission of items concerning a submission under 35 U.S.C. 371. 2. <input type="checkbox"/> This is a <b>SECOND</b> or <b>SUBSEQUENT</b> submission of items concerning a submission under 35 U.S.C. 371. 3. <input type="checkbox"/> This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (21) indicated below. 4. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The US has been elected (Article 31). 5. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)) a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau). b. <input type="checkbox"/> has been communicated by the International Bureau. c. <input type="checkbox"/> is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US). 6. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)). a. <input type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto. b. <input type="checkbox"/> has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4). 7. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)) a. <input type="checkbox"/> are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau). b. <input type="checkbox"/> have been communicated by the International Bureau. c. <input type="checkbox"/> have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendment has NOT expired. d. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> have not been made and will not be made. 8. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)). 9. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 37(c)(4)). 10. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the annexes of the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)).  <b>Items 11 to 20 below concern document(s) or information included:</b> 11. <input type="checkbox"/> An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. 12. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included. 13. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A preliminary amendment. 14. <input type="checkbox"/> An Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76. 15. <input type="checkbox"/> A substitute specification. 16. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A power of attorney and/or change of address letter. 17. <input type="checkbox"/> A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 37 CFR 1.821-1.825. 18. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the published International Application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4). 19. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the English language translation of the international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4). 20. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other items or information: a. Certification Under 37 CFR 1.101 hereby certify that this document is being mailed to Mail Stop PCT, Commissioner for Patents, P. O. Box 1450, Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450 via "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" on this 26 <sup>th</sup> day of May, 2005, Express Mail Label No. EV041633435US <u>Angela M. Rossi</u> Angela M. Rossi b. International Preliminary Examination Report		

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21. The following fees are submitted:					
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> a)	Basic national fee .....		\$300.00	\$300.00	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> b)	Examination fee .....		\$200.00	\$200.00	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> c)	Search fee .....		\$500.00	\$500.00	
<b>TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS =</b> .....			\$1000.00	\$1000.00	
<input type="checkbox"/> Additional fee for specification and drawings filed in paper over 100 sheets (excluding sequence listing or computer program listing filed in an electronic medium). The fee is \$250 for each additional 50 sheets of paper or fraction thereof.					
Total Sheets	Extra sheets	Number of each additional 50 or fraction thereof (round up to a whole number)	RATE		
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Surcharge of \$130.00 for furnishing the oath or declaration later than 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(e)).				\$0.00	
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Total claims	29 - 20 =	09	x \$50.00	\$450.00	
Independent claims	01 - 3 =	00	x \$200.00	\$0.00	
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM(S) (if applicable)			+ \$360.00	\$0.00	
<b>TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS =</b>				\$1,450.00	
<input type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. The fees indicated above are reduced by 1/2.				\$0.00	
<b>SUBTOTAL =</b>				\$1,450.00	
Processing fees of \$130.00 for furnishing the English translation later than 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(f)).				\$0.00	
<b>TOTAL NATIONAL FEE =</b>				\$1,450.00	
Fee for recording the enclosed assignment (37 CFR 11.21(h)). The assignment must be accompanied by an appropriate cover sheet (37 CFR 3.28, 3.31). \$40.00 per property				\$40.00	
<b>TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED =</b>				\$0.00	
				Amount to be refunded	\$
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<p>a. <input type="checkbox"/> A check in the amount of \$_____ to cover the above fees is enclosed.</p> <p>b. <input type="checkbox"/> Please charge my Deposit Account No. _____ in the amount of \$_____ to cover the above fees. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.</p> <p>c. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayments to Deposit to Account No. 11-0855. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.</p> <p>d. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fees are to be charged to credit card. <b>WARNING:</b> Information on this form may become public. <b>Credit card information should not be included on this form.</b> Provide credit card information and authorization on PTO-2038.</p>					
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